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"Last of the Mohicans"

Somehow my several recent stamp buying expeditions have taken me to other places than New York:—eastern and western Canada, England, France, Italy, Egypt, but at long last after some 18 months the wife and I made it again to that beautiful city to the Lichtenstein Canada Sale and no Canadian dealer could afford to miss that! (From the viewpoint of a competitive bidder, alas very few did.)

While I went to the auction sale, the wife went out to shop. At the end of each day her story was always the same. Awful time to buy anything, very little to choose from, the shelves seem to be half empty, the goods mostly shopworn remnants and so on and so on. Oh well at times women are hard to please.

I've a free day. My boys have asked me to pick up a few things, so off I go to a favourite world famous hardware store. Eighteen months ago it was chock full of gleaming glistening wares and it's now a shock to contemplate the dull, dingy array spread out rather sparsely over more than just half empty shelves! I ask for this and that. "Out of stock." Finally I settle on a couple of carving knives, for want of anything better. They are on a display board and the saleslady, duplicates one from a pitiful looking stock box. The other—well she searches and searches, at last calls the manager of her department, he searches for several more minutes and then both come to an agreement; there are no more. Says the manager to the saleslady as he hands me the sample knife. "Well that's the last of the Mohicans."

Well, I suppose it's gratifying to sell out, but a dealer who has nothing to sell is no longer in business, so a little more of this "reduction of inventory" nonsense and a lot of New York business houses are going to reduce themselves out of existence. No excuse, for there's always a manufacturer somewhere, willing to restock their shelves.

Wish we stamp dealers had it that easy in restocking our shelves! Trouble is no matter what one handles, once the government postal presses stop printing, there are no easy sources for more material except the collector or foresighted accumulator. All this, is just a round about way of saying I'm urgently in need of all better grade Canada, collections or accumulations, no limit as to size.

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THIS YULETIDE

Without prolix preamble but, never-the-less, in all sincerity we wish you everyone

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
A HAPPY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

WAS HIS GRANDFATHER

The Vancouver Province of Nov. 3rd reports that the Prime Minister stamp for Hon. Mackenzie Bowell appearing Nov. 1st had a personal touch for Mackenzie Bowell, Vancouver automobile man, in that he is a grandson of the man honoured on the stamp. They further note that both men appearing on the Nov. 1st stamp issue were Conservatives.

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The Honourable Alcide Cote, Postmaster General, has announced that the Post Office Department will issue at least seven new design postage stamps during the calendar year 1955.

The present 10c postage stamp will be replaced by a new design that will illustrate an arctic scene, the central figure of which will be an Eskimo hunter.

In April, 1955, two stamps will be issued illustrating wild animals of Canada. These stamps will be issued in support of National Wildlife Conservation. The jubilee of the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan and the first International Boy Scouts Jamboree to be held in Canada will be commemorated by special postage stamps.

Two stamps will be issued portraying the former Prime Ministers, the Hon Sir. Charles Tupper and the Rt. Hon. Richard Bedford Bennett.

Further details with regard to the dates of issue and design will be anounced later.

B.W.I. STUDY CIRCLE

There are readers of P.S. who collect B.W.I. in connection with their B.N.A. who may be interested in the British West Indies Study Circle founded in England early this year. They issue a quarterly bulletin and we understand the subscription to Canada and U.S.A. is $1.50. The Hon. Sec. & Treas. is P. T. Saunders, 1 Wellesley Court, Maida Vale, London, W. 9, England.

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The Hollow Tree

By Ed. Richardson

The Editor of this column, long a resident of Ithaca, New York, recently moved to LaMarque, Texas, where he was elected Treasurer-Controller of the Texas City Refining Co. He sincerely hopes to be able to continue THE HOLLOW TREE for a long time to come. Letters, suggestions and new information will always be gratefully received. The press of business however makes it impossible for us to promise a reply.

#241—1c Revised Cracked Plate

Al Cook of Ithaca just sent us a couple of Upper Left plate blocks from plate #5 of the 1c Revised Issue with some very interesting plate cracks. The crack appears in the upper margin between and thru the two lines of inscription. Together with one already in our collection we can now show three stages of this plate.

1.) Early stage—no crack appearing.

2.) Middle stage—small crack below "NOTE CO."

3.) Late stage—heavy crack from below "CANADIAN" extending thru "LIMITED".

#242—BNAPEX 1954

Just before moving to Texas I found just time enough to spend one day and night at BNAPEX 1954 held in Niagara Falls, Ont. It was a grand convention and exhibition and chairman Dick Hedley deserves a great deal of credit.

I never cease to be surprised at the unusually large turnout of members this society has every year at its conventions. While its membership totals under 900 it has as many or more in attendance than do some of the larger national philatelic societies.

It was an excellent exhibition and this time I took time to look it over,—I had to—was pulled in as a judge! The Bourse was good, and active at all times. Didn't have the time to do much hunting,—worse luck! I did pick up a few Large Queens with 2-ring numeral cancels, a couple of covers, a few plate blocks and a patriotic. But I could have found a great deal more had I been there two more days.

Any collector of Canada, Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, or British Columbia and Vancouver Island who does not belong to the British North America Philatelic Society is missing 75% of all the fun. Their publication TOPICS alone is worth the membership dues.

This column would be glad to sponsor anyone interested in joining this fast growing, fast moving, enthusiastic group.

#243—1929 Saskatchewan Electrical Inspection

Why in blazes all the confusion regarding the 25c value of this issue? (#SE1). Sissons lists it as "on yellow". Holmes, Marks and now Wrigley in September TOPICS lists it "on white".

There you are three votes for white, one for yellow,—and my own copy is on pale green! What gives? Are there three varieties of these? Who has the answer?

#244—Another Quebec Exhibition Cover

Added a few new exhibition covers to the collection this fall, the nicest being an 1898 "Exposition Agricole et Industrielle" of Quebec. A red illustrated design.

#245—1941 xmas Seal—Sheet of 10

Just thirteen years ago Mickey (Mrs. R.) and I were visiting Toronto around Christmas time. Somewhere along Yonge Street she purchased a small sheet of the national seals for 10c.

The sheet consists of 9 seals plus one label arranged horizontally 5x2. Its the 1941 English seal, but in a

small sheet, imperforate on all four sides. It definitely is not a booklet pane. It was contained in a special transparent envelope, nicely printed in red and blue and were sold for the "Muskoka and Toronto Hospitals for the Treatment of Tuberculosis".

I have written several collectors and dealers about these, but the only information I received was that "they do not exist!"

Can anyone help me out? Have similar sheets been sold in other years?

#246—"Official" Canadian Precancel Catalog

The 1954—or 5th Edition of this standard work is now out. This is the first new edition since 1947 and has been needed for a long time.

It includes precancels up thru the 1953 Q.E. II sheet and coil stamps. Anyonce collecting Canadian Precancels should invest the $1.50 right away as this new edition certainly makes the 1947 one very obsolete.

The thing that strikes you when you start comparing it with the earlier edition is the tremendous and numerous price jumps. This is particularly true with the King Edward issues, but continues very generally on all the hard-to-get items.

T.S.C. CLUB NOTES

Many members of the Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club attended the Annual Convention of the British North America Philatelic Society held in the Sheraton Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls, New York, October 27th to October 30th.

The exhibition in connection therewith was excellent with many outstanding Frames. The major rewards went to members of the Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club. The Grand Award was won by James D. Smart of Oshawa, Ont., for his wonderful collection of Canada "Large Cents" issue. Gold medals went to Charles P. de Volpi for his pre-adhesive and stampless covers and Dr. Clare M. Jephcott of Toronto for his fine display of Canada, 1912-1926 "Admiral" Issue. Other awards were won by Harry W. Lussey, President of the British North America Philatelic Society for "Canadian Stampless Covers and Admiral Issue," Henry Gates of New York for a beautiful collection of Canada Essays and Proofs of the Pence and 1859 issues, James Law, Canada "1868" issue, Walter P. Carter, Canada 3c "Small Cents Issue;" Dr. L. Seale Holmes "Semi-Official Airposts;" Ed. Goodale "Canada and Newfoundland Postal Stationery;" W. S. & D. C. Meyerson "Newfoundland Airposts."

One of the most interesting displays was a frame of early Canada stamp magazines by R. A. Jameson of Almonte. The jury appreciated this exhibit and made a notation on same "With the felicitations of the Jury."

The dinner held Saturday evening was attended by about one hundred at which L. J. Mills, Director of Financial Services. Ottawa, was guest speaker, and Walter S. Bayley, Toronto, toastmaster.

The convention was a great success and the 1955 convention is planned to be held in Connecticut, probaby Hartford.

FORM SECOND STAMP CLUB

The organization of the Oil City Stamp Club in Edmonton, marks the operation of a second collectors' club in the Alberta capital for the second time in more than 25 years. The Edmonton Stamp Collectors' Club has been operating for more than thirty years and currently has a membership of 91, plus seven life members, and meets first and third Mondays in the Public Library, except during summer. Stanley Lum has been the leader in the new club which meets in the Recreation Building, a civic centre for recreations, crafts and sports. The new club marked National Stamp Week with a display of a frame of postage stamps in the window of a newsstand which co-operated by displaying the pocket book edition of a junior's stamp album and handbooks on How to Collect Stamps and Coins. A Coin Collectors' Club has also been recently organized in Edmonton.

Wife: "It says here that the average person speaks 10,000 words a day."

Hubby: "Yes, dear; but you're far above the average, you know."

Canada Perf. Initials 5-Hole O.H.M.S.

BY WM. T. JACKSON

(Continued from last issue)

It seems that all the 1935 issue 217-27 were perforated in varying quantities along with all the Silver Jubilee (the 13c of this issue was still being used by Commercial Firms up to as late as 1939).

The R. V. values also got in on this interim period before the use of the 4 hole began and it is interesting to note, that collectors were beginning to pay attention to these issues around this period. As evidenced by the existence of (obviously philatelically manufactured) 1st day covers (15 May, 1939) with the set of the R. V. 5 hole punched. (It appears about 25 of these were sent from Ottawa to Westboro—a suburb). Why the 50c value of the 1938 issue has not turned up I do not know—it seems that it should exist. Because all government offices (or most anyway—National Defence and Militia departments previously had used their own perf machines, but I am not sure whether they changed over at this period to OHMS or previously) were now using these perf-stamps, it meant, of course, a great increase in the number used and perforated. Thus the 1938 5 holes are much commoner than any of the earlier ones (except the 50c and $1).

I believe the government had a treadle attached to their 4 hole machine so that the girl used her feet to punch the stamps (e.g.to press the die) and left her hands free to move the sheet through the machine. Each row was done separately as the die has only 10 impressions and thus only 10 stamps can be done at once, (e.g. 1 row), unless rows are folded which then causes missed perfs., varieties in sizes of punch, etc. This method is used by the CNR in their Montreal office and certainly speeds up the operation.

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(6) The Finish

It seems quite obvious that the post office changed over from using perf machine to overprinting because it took too long and was too expensive to perforate the stamps manually, as the quantities needed grew with the increasing size and demands of the many government departments after the war.

Again Cummins was approached on the subject of an electric perforating machine, but by this time the use of the meter machine was well established and Cummins undoubtedly could see little use in working out a suitable electric machine when these manual perf machines had already been mostly replaced by the automatic meter ones. A few companies continued to use the hand machines for certain things like emergency stamps desired after hours where a small stock is kept on hand, or where material is for some stamped and left with an outside party for delivery at a later date or varying dates, or for distribution to small branches where the installation of a meter machine is not warranted. Now that lots of millions are used rather than 10's or 100's, automatic machine method meant the death of interesting manual perforated stamps.

I am led to believe that all the Cummins machines are similar in construction, etc.

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(7) The Perforating Machine (1)

The great majority of these machines seem to be manufactured by B. F. Cummins Co. of Chicago and New York. They have a Canadian distributor and agent in Toronto, Canada. There are evidently a few machines around that were manufactured by American Perforator Co., Philadelphia, but I am not sure whether any of these are being currently used. (E. G. Bankot, Toronto, and Kresge's have them.) The CNR office at Montreal have a treadle attached to their machine so that the foot rather than the hand is used for actually perforating. This speeds up the operation somewhat. I imagine the Dominion Government also had a treadle attachment (4 hole.)

The cost of the machine runs approximately as follows: 5 die machine, $300; 10 die machine, $430.

The Government and larger users

like CNR use the 10 die machine which takes a complete row of 10 stamps at once, while those smaller users (CGE) have a 5 die machine which will take only 5 stamps at once unfolded. The 5 hole OHMS machine was a 5 die—both the 4 hole OHMS machines were 10 die.

(1)—Note: These remarks pertain to a specific machine study—a 5 die on a private Commercial Company.

It is quite probable that places like the CNR double up rows of stamps on the sheets so that they might punch a complete row three deep (i.e. 30 stamps). The space allowance between the die and the block is quite small and I doubt whether you could squeeze more than 2 folds—at the most 3—of the stamp paper in. (That is on the perf. machine studied.)

The needles used are generally 35 1/1000 of an inch in diameter although some also use a 41 1/1000 inch needle. Also as these "35" needles wear and have to be repaired, they are evidently opened up to same size as a 41 needle.

Maybe there were no 41 originally and they all occurred through repair. The die itself is registered with the Company and a copy given to the Post Office Department in Ottawa.

The post office have laid down with Cummins the maximum size or area within which the needles must fall. I was unable to confirm this size—originally it was ½"x½" square, but there are some that do not seem to fall in this area.

I have made continued reference here to the private machines because that was the only type I was able to study. I assume the OHMS 5 hole and 4 hole machines (2-4 hole) were of the same type—I know they were made by Cummins. It is almost impossible to alter these dies unless a completely new die block is made up. The needles are embedded right into the die block. Sometimes extra holes are left in for future inclusion of an extra needle also for designation of location etc.

Some of the larger places seem to be using different machines, i.e. different dies. I have received confirmation from Ottawa that the government machines were destroyed. The last one was used to perforate the 1949 2c and 3c and was destroyed in 1951, thus ending the reign of the O.H.M.S. machines.

The CNR seems to currently have four—1 having 6 vertical holes in the "N", 1 having 5 with 35/1000 needles (2 dies) and 1 having 5 with about 41/1000 needles. The story of the private perfs, however, is another long and interesting one. I would suggest all those interested in these issues contact Mr. Wooley and give the Perfin Study Group (B.N.A.P.S.) full support.

LICHTENSTEIN CANADA BRINGS RECORD PRICES

Leading Canadian dealers moved in on H. R. Harmer, Inc., when the firm sold the chiefly 20th century portion of the Alfred F. Lichtenstein collection of Canada, on November 1 and 2. Interesting realizations include the following. (Scott catalogue prices in parentheses for blocks are based on a multiple of the price for a single.)

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1912-24 coils, perf. 8 vertically first printing, 3c o.g. sheet of 100 ($1000) - $525.

1935 Silver Jubilee, compl. issue of 52 Plate blocks of 10 ($216) - $270; imperforate, sets in pairs - $160 each, in blocks of four - $310.

1935 secret date, 10c to $1 large die proofs in color - $62.50 each, imperforate set in Plate blocks of 6 - $475.

The collection brought $47,547.25 against the estimate of $37,522.50.

Super-Specialization

To all my previous remarks on specialized collecting, let me add one footnote.

I personally collect only Spain No. 1, the 6 cuartos issues in 1850. This stamp may be plated, cancellation studies made etc. Thert is also a fascinating range of interest in forgeries, proofts and rate studies in connection with it. It is a stamp that is bound to go up in price, and any well-formed collection of it is decidedly good property.

Incidentally, I am in the market to buy all very fine Spain No. 1 which may be offered me, specially with coloured and fancy cancels.

But there is an infinite number of interesting SINGLE foreign (or Canadian) stamps which you may exclusively collect. Let me suggest few; St. Helena No. 1, Bolivia No. 1 and 2, Mexico (any of the first two issues); Peru No. 12 or No. 14, Austria No. 3 or 4 or 5 etc. Also, of course, one complete issue may be collected, such as the first issue of Guatemala, the second of Brazil etc.

In my opinion, this type of collection offers the ultimate in eventual financial return, as well as a great deal of enjoyment. Also, after a basis is established, the collector will find in most cases that it is almost impossible to spend much money as the material will not come quickly. In the last six months, I have only spent $75.00 in the New York auction market on my Spain No. 1's.

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RAMBLING GOSSIP

By Mufti

The new Scott's Part 1 with new additions and numerous changes is one of the most interesting releases in many years. In actual number of price increases for any one country Canada is well in the lead with over three hundred changes in catalog values, this should satisfy all collectors of our stamps. In a year from now one may expect some drastic changes in nearly all countries including those from Canada. The new Queen Elizabeth issues as I understand causing quite a run on those late sets of George 6th and market supplies already are none too plentiful. The new catalog shows many advances in the B.W.I. group and the long Bahamas set of 1948 has moved up considerably. In general all late issues of George 6th have been raised and the late issues of his reign are in much demand. Many stamps of Queen Elizabeth seem to be missing from dealers lists arriving from overseas, in the Coronation issues the sets of Southern Rhodesia, South West Africa and the overprinted stamps of Kuwait, Bahrain, Muscat and Tangier are not featured, lucky are those who put these away in blocks of four.

In the new list from Mr. Sissons of Canadian issues, there appears for the first time an item which must be quite a rarity. I refer to the 7c Olive bistre of George 5th with redrawn frame line, this is quite a discovery, I have yet to see a copy and suggest that while they are available one may be wise to acquire a copy, for this type of elusive stamp at its present price may not be in supply for very long.

Mr. C. P. Rang of Gibbons of London has started quite a chase with his discovery error Crown and missing Crown in various stamps of the British Empire. It might pay collectors to look over their stamps as the price of some of these are quoted fairly high. Particularly mentioned are the Postage due issue of Barbados, Basutoland, Br. Guiana, Grenada, Northern Rhodesia, St. Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago and in the regular 1952 issues of Seychelles. Admirers of Mr. Rang's illustrations in Gibbons' monthly for so many years may be glad to meet him on page 27 of the November issue.

"Fyndem" in "SC" gives Canada another boost by featuring our obsolete 5c Beaver booklet.

Did you notice in "SC" a reference to the Tasmanian issue of Australia whose dealers there were caught short of this set and are offering the full Gibbons price for any quantities obtainable on the English market. This set has been referred to as a star item and no doubt in the near future will climb in price.

An attractive set and single has just arrived from India, both pictorial with four values for their centenary and the single for the United Nations Day. Topical collectors will be after them as they are very pleasing issues.

Many here will be gratified to know of a worthy remembrance of the late Dr. James Goodwin of Toronto and in recognition of his specialized work of the Postal History of Canada, the American Philatelic Society at their annual convention at San Francisco nominated him for the Hall of Fame.

From New York the latest Gibbons list has just arrived, and naturally I was interested in the Canadian quotations and note that many of our stamps have been advanced in price. It appears that in so far as our issues are concerned its a matter of up and up she goes and where she will stop nobody knows.

So long my friends and a Happy Christmas to you all.

VICTORIA FALLS STAMP

London, England—1955 will be the centenary of David Livingstone's discovery of the world famous Victoria Falls. In honor of the event, the new government of Rhodesia wil issue a set of two stamps valued at 3d and 1 shilling.—Crown Agents.

WE WERE WRONG

Last issue we reported a new Holmes Handbook on Canada and B. N.A. was coming out. We were wrong. Dr. Holmes corrects us with the statement that it is a catalog. He has brought out a number of these in the past and no doubt his new catalog will be looked forward to by those who know the merit of preceding Holmes catalogs.

Philately a "Disease" - They Say!

(From The Calgary Herald)

Stamp collecting is not a hobby, it is a disease.

This was the way Harry Moxham, president of the Calgary Philatelic Society, described his favorite sport, and the cherished and expensive pastime of millions of philatelists from pole to pole.

He and Cecile Rosete, president of the Calgary Collectors Club, as well as vice-president of the Philatelic Society, represent about 80 organized sufferers of the disease, and both men estimate that there are many unaffiliated Calgarians with extensive collections.

"There are many dabblers, but a down-to-earth collector, even if starving, would rather buy a stamp than a loaf of bread," said Mr. Moxham, who still eats three square meals a day.

"I would not hesitate at paying $100 for a stamp I really wanted," explained Mr. Rosete, "but I don't look at it as $100." How did his wife look at it? The sum (one-tenth of a mink coat) was considered "just one of those things."

Stamp collecting has been "just one of those things" for such famous personages as the late King George V; Franklin Delano Roosevelt; the fabulous Farouk, and Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York. It has been a world-wide hobby since about 1950.

Both Calgary clubs were organized with the same purpose: to provide a medium of exchange for members; to give them a chance to exchange information on stamp values; to speak on their specialized areas of collecting; and to sponsor outside speakers on the finer points of their hobby.

Another common aim was the training and encouragement of young stamp collectors who needed guidance if their hobby was to grow from a childish enthusiasm in to a rewarding adult pastime.

"The youngsters should be taught to be selective; to recognize forgeries, to know currency exchanges on foreign stamps; to know where to go for information; how to mount and organize their collection," said Mr. Rosete.

Both Mr. Moxham and S. T. Richardson, immediate past president of the Philatelic Society stressed the educational values of stamp collecting for young and old.

"Collecting becomes an adventure in history, geography and economics," said Mr. Richardson, who has been a member of the group since 1929. He explained that the rise of Hitlerism in Germany was visible on German stamps during the thirties, which bore likenesses of the Feuhrer with increasing frequency.

Stamp collectors are mostly men. The philatelic Society has two women members; the Stamp Collectors club three.

"Women don't have enough patience," explained R. W. Potter, secretary-treasurer of the latter group. "I suppose they figure they don't have enough time for that kind of thing."

Men were natural collectors anyway, Mr. Moxham felt. When they were boys their pockets were full of odds and ends—fish-hooks, marbles, stones, "snips and snails and puppy-dog tails."

"When we grow up—although some women insist we never grow up—we turn to stamps." Another practical male reason for filling hundreds of pages with those sticky bits of paper: stamp collecting, unlike female expenditures, was not a financial drain, but an investment.

Many local collectors could realize as much as $10,000 from the sale of their collections. Yet it was not nesessarily a rich man's hobby. Shrewd trading and a complete knowledge of stamp values could, over the years, often make up for capital. One local philatelist was known to have lifted a mortgage by selling a single stamp.

Stamps were big business. In New York alone, $5,000,000 worth of business was transacted by dealers annually. The most valuable single collection ever sold at auction, that of Count Ferrari, brought $2,000,000 to the French government in 1922.

How do local collectors know what to collect? How do they assess

value? Where do they obtain the stamps they want to complete their collections?

Collectors are usually somewhat specialized, Mr. Moxham explained. They concentrate either on Canada alone, new and/or old issues; British stamps; some concentrate on Europe, or single countries in Europe. Many have topical collections, which visually have a great interest to the layman. Some collect stamps from all over the world commemorating musicians, airplanes, animals, agriculture, ships, writers, historical scenes— any single topic that interests them.

Calgary stamp collectors obtained their stamps in many ways, Mr. Potter explained. Beginners were often started in small collections by friends. More advanced collectors either exchanged from fellow philatelists; had agents who purchased on their request; bought on approval from stamp houses who advertised in some of the countless philatelic publications; ordered from catalogues; or purchased at auctions.

BIOLOGY ON STAMPS

The Edmonton Stamp Collector's Club enjoyed an address on "Animals on Stamps of Canada," by Dr. William Rowan, head of the department of Zoology, University of Alberta, at a recent club meeting. He illustrated his talk with some drawings and photographs of the animals featured in recent wildlife series of Canada postage.

Dr. Rowan, who is a distinguished scientist and has conducted several research projects on wild life, is an artist, sculptor and designer of no small ability. His talk was illuminative, critical and instructive.

So appreciative and pleased were the members that the program committee was instructed to plan more talks on stamps.

Leamington, Ont., Philatelic Society dated its 3rd Annual Exhibition for Dec. 4th. They had for competition the H. J. Heinz Co. of Canada Ltd. Trophy for the Best Exhibit of B.N.A. by a Canadian resident. Eugene Barna was chairman of the Exhibition Committee.

DINKY DAYMUS VARIETIES

BY AUBREY KELSON

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Sketch 358—Canada Scott's 330 Coronation stamp with broken down engraving at upper left and right Sent us by S. Stricker.

Sketch 359—Union of South Africa Scott's 59, the 5/- showing the Broken Yoke pole, not mentioned yet in the S. A. Specialist. Sent us by A. M. Millen.

AIR MAIL FROM OTTAWA IN 1918

(From The Journal of Aug. 17, 1918)

At seven o'clock this morning Lieut. Longman set out from Ottawa for Toronto in his airplane, carrying the first air mail ever to be despatched from the Canadian capital—about 100 letters, each with a three-cent stamp and the notation "By Aerial Mail." In the batch was a letter from The Journal to J. E. Atkinson, publisher of the Toronto Star, and it was said that according to the Postmaster this letter could claim the distinction of being the first letter posted for the first air mail out of Ottawa.

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CALGARY COLLECTORS

The Calgary Stamp Collectors' Club and the Calgary Philatelic Society staged a joint exhibition on Saturday October 31 to mark the observance of National Stamp Week. As this was the first public stamp exhibition held in Calgary since the early '30s, those responsible were extremely gratified by the response of the general public. Over 250 attended the three hour show. Mr. Arthur Kirkby, Public Relations Officers of the Calgary Post Office showed pictures and gave a talk entitled "Making a Postage Stamp." His department also loaned large frames of Canadian Stamps, vintage 1937-1952.

The members exhibits of about 40 frames covered many phases of Philately which proved of great interest to the visitors. It is hoped to make this an annual event.

Grandpa was being congratulated on his 100th birthday. "I'll tell you the secret of my success," cackled the old fellow. "On our wedding day 75 years ago, Grandma and I agreed that whenever we had a squabble, the one who was proved wrong would go for a walk. Folks, I've spent a lot of time outdoors in the fresh air the last 75 years."

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KINGSTON STAMP CLUB

Vincent Greene, F.R.P.SL., of Toronto was guest speaker at Kingston Stamp Club annual dinner Dec. 7th at the La Salle Hotel, Kingston. Mr. Greene's talk was on the Canada Large Cents stamps of 1868 which he illustrated with 80 pages from his large collection of this issue acquired in over 50 years of collecting. President Herbert McNaught presided. Other guests from Toronto were L. A. Davenport and J. N. Sissons. The Kingston Stamp Club is one of Eastern Ontario's livest stamp groups and meets twice a month.

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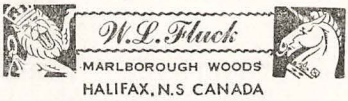

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L'Union Philatelique de Montreal has sent us samples of their poster seals for the exhibition and convention for the C.P.S. next April 22-24 at Montreal. The seals are in sheets of six and sell four sheets for 25c. Orders may be sent to Yvon Hurtubise, 1886 St. Clement, Montreal, P.Q.

CORRECTION

Since that particular forme was printed, a date in the article "Philately a 'Disease'" on page 13, in the sixth paragraph states stamp collecting is "a world-wide hobby since about 1950". Obviously this should read 1850.

Attract Wild Fowl

Kirkland Lake — The Department of Lands and Forests is planting wild rice in northern Ontario as food for ducks, geese and other types of wild fowl.

Wildlife management officer Marcel Cusson returned recently from a week of seed gathering and planting. He collected the seed in the Gogama district and planted in Mountain Lake, Spring Lake, and Spray Creek.

"We intend harvesting and planting in other centres during the coming year," he said. "We will be picking the crop and distributing some to each of the trappers' councils who will, in turn, plant it on waterways on their traplines to encourage muskrat. But several areas are to be planted for the purpose of attracting ducks alone."

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